

Morehead State University Special Initiative

Improved Student Services on Regional Campuses

What is Morehead State University's Improved Student Learning at Regional Campuses Initiative?

This initiative will allow Morehead State University to appoint experienced student counselors at each of its five regional campuses. Currently these campuses do not have sufficient staffing to counsel students in financial aid or student skills, or to provide other key student services.

What are regional campuses?

Morehead State University was the first comprehensive regional university in Kentucky to establish a regional campus, and today has five such operations, the most of any public university. These regional campuses serve more than 3,300 citizens in the areas of Ashland, Jackson, Mount Sterling, Prestonsburg, and West Liberty. When regional campuses were created in the mid-1980s, they were supported with modest appropriations. However, only two of the centers received such initial funding at Morehead State, and now state resources have been forthcoming for the three additional regional campuses now providing access to students across the 22-county service region.

Why is a program like this needed?

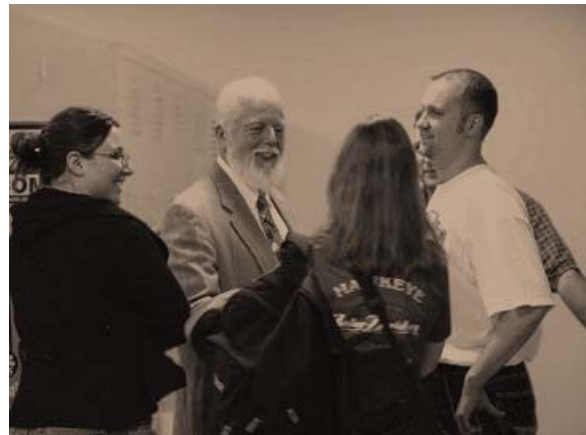
With minimal staffing to facilitate scheduling of classes and dissemination of information to the public, the five regional campuses do not have sufficient staffing to provide professional counseling in financial aid, study skills, and other key student services. Nontraditional students, which comprise 75 percent of the enrollment at regional campuses, are at a particular disadvantage because of the scarcity of counseling support.

How will the funding be used?

This special initiative would result in the appointment of experienced student counselors at each of the five regional campuses to help more students have a successful postsecondary education experience. The counselors also could positively impact the matriculation of adult students completing GED programs into postsecondary programs.

What is the Council's request?

The Council seeks \$300,000 of recurring funds in FY 2007-08 to support this initiative.



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